

A NEW SPECIES OF *NARATHURA* FROM BORNEO
(LEPIDOPTERA : LYCAENIDAE)

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Among Bornean Lycaenid butterflies preserved in Meijo University, I found a *Narathura*-species which resembled *Narathura antimuta* Felder but was unknown to me. As a result of further studies, I have concluded that this specimen belongs to a new species. The holotype is to be preserved in the Osaka Museum of Natural History.

Narathura aritai H. Hayashi, sp. nov. (Figs. 1-6)

♂. Not tailed. Upperside shining dark violet blue, with black border about 1 mm. Underside hair brown. Markings faint, slightly darker than the ground. Forewing post-discal band partially dislocated at vein 4 and the upper portion oblique. Hindwing post-discal band completely dislocated at vein 2. No tornal green scales.

Forewing length 16 mm.

Male genitalia: Brachia stout, hammer-like in shape, but strongly broadened in the middle towards apex, with blunt tip. Valvae with posterior margin split in two lobes. Phallus slender and long, slightly curved dorsally. Juxta M-shaped. Genitalia are closely related to those of *antimuta*, but is mainly different in the shapes of brachia and phallus.

♀. Unknown.

Distribution: Borneo

Holotype ♂, Kuala Bok, Sarawak, 4 March 1969, T. Kunou and Y. Arita leg.

The present new species belongs to *perimuta* group and is closest to *antimuta*, but this new species differs in having wider borders on upperside as well as in lacking green tornal markings on underside hindwing.

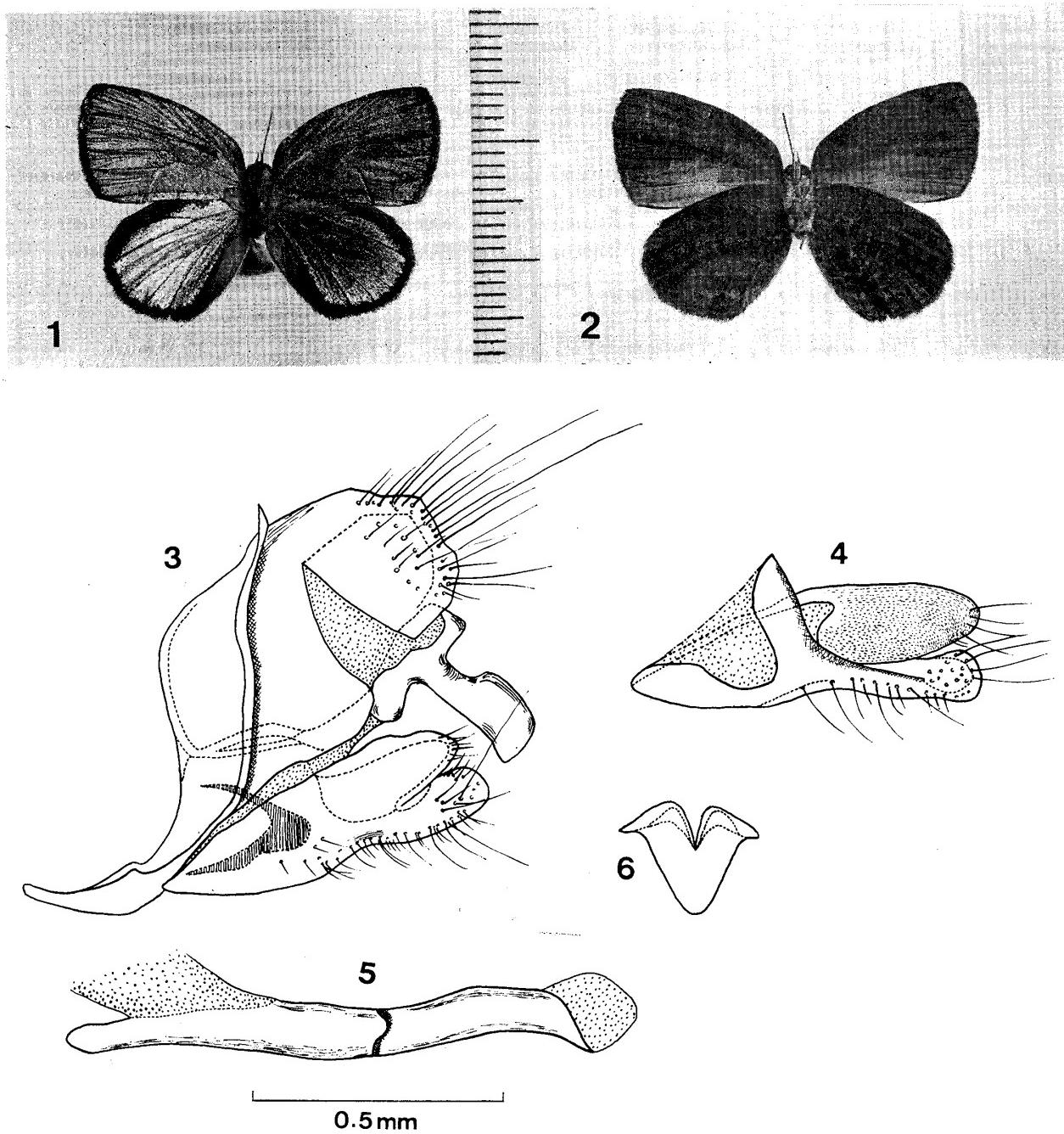
I name this species after Assistant Prof. Yutaka Arita who collected the specimen during his expedition to Borneo.

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摘要

名城大学所蔵のボルネオ産シジミチョウの標本中に *Narathura antimuta* Felder に似た未知種を見出したこと、ここに新種として記載した。 (林 寿一)



Figs. 1, 2. *Narathura aritai* sp. nov., holotype ♂.

Figs. 3-6. *Narathura aritai* sp. nov., ♂. genitalia: (3) Lateral aspect with phallus removed; (4) Inner aspect of right-hand valva; (5) Lateral aspect of phallus; (6) Juxta.